

Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

Date, time, and place

Date: May 15, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, Iowa

Attendance

Present: Michael Acarregui, Gladys Alvarez, Jodi Angus, Scott Beall, Jane Borst, Mary Jane Brotherson, Angela Burke Boston, LaMark Combs, Sara Freiberg, Gina Greene, Kelly Hancock, Stacy Kramer, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Deb Sixta, Carrie Sodders, Mary Stevens, JoAnn Stone, Nansi Woods
Staff: Julie Curry, Barb Khal, Marion Kresse, Kelly Schulte, Susan White
Excused: Daryl Beall, Andrew Hall, Ron Koch, Mary Nelson, Pablo Quintanilla, Beth Troutman, David Van Horn, Debra Waldron
Guests: Paul Greene, Tyler Greene, Lisa Naig, Nancy Peck, Rob Warner, Meghan Wolfe

Call to order

Kelly Hancock called meeting to order, introductions of Council members and guests took place. Established Quorum.

Approval of previous minutes

A motion to review minutes from November, January, and March was made and the minutes will need to be updated with corrections suggested.
Action. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Marion and Troy. Council members passed motion.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Tyler Greene
Lead Agency & Signatory Update	Kelly Hancock
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
Quality Service Review	Barb Khal
Service Coordination Panel	Kelly Hancock and Meghan Wolfe
Service Coordination System	Kelly Hancock
ICEA Committees	Chair of Committees
Sharing Activities	Council Members

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Family Story

Tyler Greene

Tyler, son of Council member Gina Greene, who has Cerebral Palsy, shared his story. He made a video while in high school and uses this video to share his story worldwide. Tyler just completed his first year in college and continues to travel to tell his story.

He received the CEC national “Yes, I Can” award for self advocacy from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). He was one of 29 recipients honored at the national CEC conference in April, 2008. His video, “I’m Tyler,” has been distributed nationally and internationally.

Lead agency and signatory updates

Kelly Hancock

Kelly gave an update from the April 1, 2009 Executive Committee meeting.

- Discussed recommended changes to the EA Eligibility Document. The Committee will rule on the changes once they receive more data.
 - Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
 - Tom Rendon facilitated a conversation on a system that was created through Early Childhood Iowa Council (ECI). Will have someone present to Council in September.
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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl

Part C will receive \$3,871,018 from ARRA in addition to its regular FFY grant award. The following table provides distribution of ARRA funds to Area Education Agencies, Signatory Agencies and the Lead Agency (Iowa Department of Education).

Agency	Percent	Funding
AEAs (Regional Grantees)	80%	\$3,096,814
Lead Agency (DE)	11%	\$425,812
Signatory Agency	9%	\$348,392

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Quality service review

Barb Khal

Barb talked about the Quality Service Review in Region 11. This review consisted of 11 counties, 54 school districts, 28 accredited non public schools, 2 DHS Service areas, 6 Title V Grantee Agencies, 1 CHSC, and 9 Community Empowerment areas. They measure performance and results, show what's working and not working, use case reviews and key indicators, use interview groups and drives improvement and capacity building. The review includes children and family stories, provider stories and organization stories.

Service coordination panel

Kelly Hancock and Meghan Wolfe (Mid Iowa Communication Service Coordinator)

Meghan informed the Council how she receives research provided by Early ACCESS training. Her caseload is low and meets with families weekly and monthly depending on the family's needs. She receives resource information from EA Module training, internet websites, booklets received from AEAs.

Meghan then fielded questions from the Council.

Service coordination system

Kelly Hancock

Kelly reviewed past presentations and had the Council divide into groups to outline what strengths we see in the Service Coordinator role and what areas still need work?

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Committee reports

Each chair representative reported

- Public Policy: Keep informed with current legislative news and communicate what is important to support Early ACCESS.
 - By Laws: No report
 - Parent Leadership: Held a meeting for all parents on the Council on Thursday, May 14. Guest speaker was Mark Smith from Early Intervention Family Alliance. The Early Intervention Family Alliance is a national group of family leaders dedicated to improving outcomes for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families by assuring meaningful family involvement in the development of Part C policies and implementation at community, state and federal levels. You may find further information at www.eifamilyalliance.org
 - Nominating: Have potential vice-chair membership in fall to determine additional nominees for Council.
 - Governor's Report: Concerns with timing issues of receiving critical data for report. Possibility of getting data from EA before legislative is done for future reports.
 - Membership: Nominees for EA Council was distributed to Committee members.
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Sharing activities

Gladys Alvarez: Informed Council of a Webinar from Texas early childhood trauma for children from birth to three who have been exposed to drugs or violence.

Mary Stevens: Shared that Iowa State is working with LauraBelle and Julie developing online IFSP module.

Scott Beall: Shared with Council that his son, Drew is progressing in verbal communication.

Jane Borst: Announced that they have hired a Medical Consultant by the name of Mary Drew.

Marion: Announced that the March 2010 Council meeting be rescheduled to the first Friday, March 5.

Carrie: Shared her continuing working with ECHO and that Early Head Start programs are using ECHO.

Adjournment

Kelly Hancock

Kelly thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meetings
